

**Proposal for a Third Council Directive on summer time arrangements**

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*(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 26 June 1984)*

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 100 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Second Council Directive 82/399/EEC of 10 June 1982 on summer time arrangements<sup>(1)</sup> introduced a common date and time for the beginning of summer time in the Community for 1983, 1984 and 1985;

Whereas with regard to the end of summer time, the abovementioned Directive lays down for those years different dates for Member States that do not belong to the zero time zone and for the two Member States that do belong to the zero time zone;

Whereas almost all the European non-member countries have adopted the same dates as the Member States which do not belong to the zero time zone, as indicated in the Directive, as regards both the beginning and the end of summer time;

Whereas Article 5 of Directive 82/399/EEC states that the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt by 1 January 1985 the arrangements to apply from 1986 onwards;

Whereas the continuation of arrangements in force is considered to be desirable and appropriate, in particular in the interests of facilitating transport and telecommunications between Member States and reducing the costs thereof;

Whereas, with a view to complete harmonization, common dates and times should be fixed for the beginning and the end of summer time applicable for all Member States;

Whereas it is appropriate to re-examine this measure from time to time and therefore for this purpose it would be as well to lay down a period of application for the Directive for the years 1986, 1987 and 1988;

Whereas, for geographical reasons, common summer time arrangements should not apply to the French overseas departments,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

*Article 1*

For the purposes of this Directive, the expression 'summer time' means the period of the year during which the time is advanced by 60 minutes in relation to the time for the rest of the year.

*Article 2*

Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that in each Member State summer time begins at 1 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time:

- in 1986: on 23 March,
- in 1987: on 29 March,
- in 1988: on 27 March.

*Article 3*

Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that summer time ends at 1 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time:

- in 1986: on 12 October,
- in 1987: on 11 October,
- in 1988: on 9 October.

*Article 4*

The Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt before 1 January 1988 the arrangements to apply from 1989.

*Article 5*

This Directive shall not apply to the French overseas departments.

*Article 6*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 173, 19. 6. 1982, p. 16.